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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Governor of Fiji to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Your telegram No. 36. Defence Conference.

Government of New Zealand cannot yet give me definite date for opening of the Conference but I am arranging to leave Suva 14th March on the assumption that it will begin this month. If it transpires by then that the Conference will not be able to open till April I propose, unless you telegraph me to the contrary, to continue in the same ship to Sydney in the first instance for short visit for the purpose of establishing contact with Colonial Sugar Refining Company and other business organisations who have asked for an early opportunity of meeting me. It is particularly desirable for me to meet heads of Colonial Sugar Refining Company in view of their present opposition to our labour legislation proposals.